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How Speculation Affects the Market.

My reason for geography, her superior facilities and the dashing spirit of her people Chicago is the great American speculator and trader. She holds a respectable position as a manufacturer, and in this will take higher rank, but it is as a trader that she is most notable. The Tribune's exhaustive review of the year's business claims \$25,000,000 of manufacturers, and over \$50,000,000 of other sales, half of which is from products. In this there is no account taken of the untold millions of paper commodities kicked about by bulls and bears and representing no other value than the margin of the bet.

Cool heads have long since recognized that mere betting on the rise and fall of prices, besides being of doubtful propriety as a matter of morals, besides being prejudicial to the public welfare in so far as it deals with the necessities of life, is not the kind of trade which adds to the solid growth of a community. The Tribune may be supposed to know how this evil has affected Chicago. Its comments are pointed and of great interest.

Though Chicago has done so well in the receiving and distribution of farm products, which are still the main item of its primary business, it is impossible not to see that its prosperity in this direction has been disastrously affected by the speculators and manipulators of the Board of Trade products of the theatre during the last two or three years. These have made high prices, which have attracted speculators to the city, and the activity of speculation has drawn here millions of dollars in commissions for our brokers. But they have not themselves by making a market here for other people to sell on, and by carrying prices to a height that has excited the competition of other countries with the farmers of the United States. The accumulation of wheat here, and the stimulus given to the raising of wheat abroad, are two very obvious results of this over-speculation. India and Russia and other parts of Europe, to say nothing of Australia, which is beginning to boom up as a producer of more wheat than is needed for home use, have been making shrewd use of our "boom" to supply the Liverpool market at just enough less than our figures to insure them getting the money and our keeping our wheat. There has not been any foreign demand for our crop for the last eighteen months. Some of that which was brought here by the corner of July, 1882, has lately been sold in Liverpool at a price which did not equal \$1 per bushel, and at against the \$1.40 to which it was forced at the culmination of that corner. Some of the wheat now here has storage charges against it for more than 20 cents per bushel. These abuses of speculation are doing much to destroy a market which speculation did so much to develop.

But the evil results are not confined to Chicago traders. They go back to the producer and forward to the consumer. Today the bulls on 'Change make the consumer pay more for his flour than it is worth, and to-morrow the farmer finds that his wheat, so far from bringing him the price he has seen in the market reports of his newspaper, has been "knocked out" by foreign competition sliding its grain in under cover of fancy prices. This is the work of the middle men, some of whom never see a bushel of grain and wouldn't know what to do with it if they had it. It is some encouragement to read in a Chicago newspaper that "the abuses of speculation are doing much to destroy a market which speculation did so much to develop." After the day of final destruction the breadstuffs and provisions market may be established on an honest and safe basis.

PERSONAL.

Ex-Governor and Miss Hendricks, of Indianapolis, are in Paris.

Rev. Joseph Cook is going to deliver another series of lectures in Boston during January.

Mr. Wallace, says that he has had enough of American plays. He has produced three in thirty-five years.

Mrs. Patti states that there is no prospect that she discovered a Welsh miner on her estate with a rich baritone voice.

The once mighty Dennis Kearney has at last risen to his feet. He is peddling tea and coffee from a booth at a seaside place, near San Francisco.

Joshua M. Sears is the largest individual tax payer in Boston, his tax being \$50,588.16. Charles Francis Adams paid \$7,402.25 during the year just ended.

The last words of the late Archbishop Perche, of New Orleans, were: "I was identified with Louisiana, which I loved, and I give myself to my adopted State."

Representative Blackburn and "Corro Gordo" Williams, present Senator, are the chief actors in the Kentucky Senatorial contest—an episode of the present month.

Colonel M. S. Quay, the well-known political leader in Pennsylvania, is negotiating for the purchase of the Evening News of Philadelphia, and he says that if he does buy it "it will have something to say about politics."

Oliver Dalrymple, of the famous Dalrymple wheat farm in Dakota, is described as a typical "Uncle Sam" in appearance. His face is "peaked" and his hair long. He wears a big white hat and old-fashioned farmer's clothes.

Chairman Barnum's assertion that the Democratic party will be able to evade the tariff issue in the next national campaign continues to stir up the Free Trade horns. The Wilmington Star pronounces him a "bigger humbug than the other Barnum," and tries to make him the scapegoat for Hancock's unfortunate "local issue" statement.

Prince Louis of Battenberg has just returned to England from a visit to his bride-elect at Darmstadt. The marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, which has been postponed till April, in order that the Queen, who will go abroad for the benefit of her health in the spring, may be present at the ceremony, as well as the Prince and Princess of Wales, Lord O'Hagan, the first Roman Catholic Lord Chancellor, and the first Roman Catholic Lord Chamberlain, who has given him an heir. They live much in London, and are now at Biarritz. Ireland gets small share of the means he made there.

BREAKFAST BUDGET.
Austrian ladies have taken to fencing as an amusement.

The father of a new baby in Binghamton, New York, is seventy-seven years old.

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saved by one man. All this is said to have transpired in Rockwell county, Texas.

Sarah Turner, of New Haven, Conn., wants a penholder. She served for six months as an orderly during the war, being dressed in man's attire.

A Western paper said: "In order that our readers may enjoy Christmas as thoroughly as possible, the regular edition of our paper will be omitted to-morrow."

Good Cheer, a religious journal, asserts that public village wells, some of them 200 feet deep, with circular staircases leading down to the water.

This is said to be the first year that Mangel-worms have escaped the cholera while it was prevailing in Alexandria. The immunity is said to arise wholly from the sanitary measures adopted.

A Parliamentary return just issued shows that the local taxation of Ireland in 1882 produced a sum of £23,324,240, which was an increase of £2,143,319, or 10 per cent. on the amount levied in the previous year.

A considerable increase of lunacy has been noticed in France for the last decade. In 1805 the number of lunatics was 31,000, to-day it is nearly 600,000. Researches as to the average stay of patients in lunatic asylums have shown that men averaged in the average 270 days and women in 295 days.

THE COOK'S OWN.
A variation in the ordinary custard cake is to add the meats of hickory nuts to the boiling cream. Hickory nuts, when also used, are a pleasing addition.

Nice rolls are made of two teaspoons of sweet milk, two eggs, three and a half scant cups of flour, sifted, of course, a pinch of salt. Bake in very hot gem pans, in a quick oven.

When you broil sweetbreads and have time to spare, turn them over, and put a little lump of butter and some pepper and salt on the upper side. Do not put so much butter on that it will drain off into the fire.

One way to prepare onion flavoring for a vegetable soup is to take a large onion, remove the outer skin, then slice it into rings, and cook it until it is nicely browned. The peculiar flavor thus gained is cherished by the epicure.

A pretty dish for dessert is made by beating the whites of four eggs to a stiff froth, and then add gradually a cup of powdered sugar. Take the juice from a can of red raspberries, strain it, and color it with the eggs and sugar with a little rose.

This is a good dish: Fry one pound of veal in hot lard, having first cut it in strips about two inches long, add a little butter and a half pint of oysters cut or chopped in small pieces, season with pepper and salt; serve hot with or without toast.

When you open a can of tomatoes you may sometimes be so fortunate as to find several slices that have kept their shape; reserve these when heating the others for the table, and after letting them drain well, fry them in butter, and they make a good entree, or a garnish for game or fowl.

A favorite dish in one of the Middle States is made by slicing raw potatoes and cooking them in milk and water; when nearly done, drop dumplings made like biscuit in and serve together, with roast beef. Season the gravy with pepper, butter and salt and thicken with a little flour.

It is thought by some cooks to be an improvement upon the ordinary Brown Betty pudding if a crust is put over the top. It serves to keep all the moisture within. If pie crust is objected to by any member of the family it can be removed from their portion of the pudding without difficulty.

Nothing pays better than to take great pains in preparing dishes for the table. In making mince pies see that there is not a particle of gristle or bone left in the meat, and that no piece of apple is larger than another. When the oysters are seen there are no more bits of shell left in; it will spoil the good effect of all if one piece is left on which the confiding victim slurs his teeth.

Dry Lima beans, which are now so common an article of food, do not require more than three hours' soaking if you let them lie in the water longer than that, they seem to lose their flavor and are too mealy. They should cook slowly, and if they should simmer for an hour and a half, it would not be too long. No vegetable is more improved by careful cooking.

Excellent sauce for fish is made by putting one cup of milk and one cup of water on the fire to heat. When it is hot stir in a heaping teaspoonful of flour, and you have mixed with a little cold water, so that there are no lumps left in it. Add a little salt and strain three eggs, and stir them in with two tablespoonfuls of butter, and pepper and salt to your taste. Pour this over the fish. If you choose you can vary this in this way: Instead of putting the eggs in the sauce, boil them ten minutes, then remove the shells and cut the eggs in slices, and lay them over the fish; then pour the sauce over all.

Try to Remember That—
A rabbit is two feet.
A peacock is three feet.
A fathom is six feet.
A palm is three feet.
A league is three miles.
There are 2,700 languages.
Two persons die every second.
America was discovered in 1492.
Sound moves 712 miles per hour.
Telegraphs were first used in 1850.
A square mile contains 640 acres.
Light moves 172,000 miles per hour.
A barrel of rice weighs 600 pounds.
A barrel of flour weighs 196 pounds.
A barrel of butter weighs 50 pounds.
The first steel pen was made in 1839.
Slow rivers flow four miles per hour.
A spin is ten and seven-eighths inches.
A hand (horse measure) is four inches.
A rifle ball moves 1,000 miles per hour.
Watchers were first constructed in 1476.
Rapid rivers flow seven miles per hour.
Postoffice was first established in 1491.
Electricity moves 288,000 miles per hour.
The first iron steamship was built in 1809.
The first locomotive was made in 1825.
The first hurricane was in California in 1848.
The first horse railroad was built in 1827.
A hurricane moves eighty miles per hour.
Coaches were first used in England in 1534.
Modern needles first came into use in 1514.
The average human life is thirty-one years.
The first steamboat plied the Hudson in 1807.
Kerosene was first used for lighting purposes in 1826.
The first newspaper was published in England in 1658.
The first house-painter advertisement appeared in 1652.
The first use of a locomotive in this country was in 1829.
The first printing press in the United States was introduced in 1723.
Alfred, Duke of Normandy, prophesied of future world engraving in 1527.
Until 1776 cotton spinning was performed by the hand spinning wheel.
Glass windows were first introduced into England in the eighth century.
Measure 200 feet on each side and you have a square acre within an inch.
The first cotton-wool machine was patented by Elias Howe, Jr., in 1846.
Every one knows that cholera and typhoid and other diseases are Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and Cherry, and that it can be got at any drug store.

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Where the Snow Falls Big.

"Say," observed a stranger who strolled into the reporter's room this morning, "when I was out West I run agin' a spell of weather, when snow flakes come down as big as cart wheels. Well, I never saw such snow in the hull of my natural life."

"As big as cart wheels?" remarked one of the reporters admiringly.

"You just bet your bottom dollar, my unsophisticated friend. What I say, goes every time. Why flakes of snow as big as cart wheels was only a circumstance. Once when I was out on the plains a blizzard came along, and gosh darn my eternal soul if the air wasn't white with snow flakes as big as Brigham's tents. You don't believe me, do you?"

"It's a pretty big story," murmured the reporter.

"But it's a fact, an everlasting, rock-ribbed fact. I'm the great original traveler, reporter, chronicler, chronicler, and what I haven't seen isn't worth seeing. Why, I've seen a howling Rocky mountain storm where icebergs were blown around like feathers, and as for snow, why, the atmosphere was just lost. Don't talk to me of weather."

De Leases and His New Canal.
Eloague.

Even to Mr. De Leases his countrymen are not all charitable. The comparative failure of his recent mission to England has displeased them mightily, and we are told that they are "beginning to lose faith in him."

They have called him by contemptuous names, and now they are expressing their disgust by selling out their shares in his canal. The shares are unsalable in Paris. Hence they are offered at almost any price on the English bourse, and are readily absorbed.

Since long Mr. De Leases will have no difficulty in getting his stockholders to ratify concessions to English shipowners. Shares have fallen to 77. Last year they went as high as 139, and the lowest point touched was 79.

A Blessing.
The pain in all his joints became intense; fever, with its deteriorating effects, was now added, and he became rapidly reduced to the semblance of a skeleton, while vitality reached its lowest possible condition, and his sufferings were of such unbearable character that those who most loved him sometimes thought it would be better if he were called off. At this time, physicians, well known in this city, and in the most famous places, and a few choice pieces of the celebrated Boston Worcester and Old Vienna Goods. The public is respectfully invited to call and see articles of value to be found in no other house in the city.

Respectfully,
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To Lodges or Societies, the Encampment Room in the Odd Fellows' Hall. It is the most pleasant room for societies in the city, being well lighted, good ventilation, and to suit the order, and furnished. For further information enquire of W. H. THOMAS, J. M. THOMAS, H. A. THOMAS. 1019

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